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SUBJECT: OIL EXPLORATION IN GULF OF SUEZ

REF: (A) STATE 200897; (B) CAIRO 10819; (C) TEL AVIV 4492

1. WE HAVE HAD NO INDICATION THAT INTER-MINISTERIAL MEETING
(REF A) ON GULF OF SUEZ OIL EXPLORATION WAS EVER HELD AND
ARE INCLINED TO DOUBT THAT IT WAS, GIVEN PREOCCUPATION WITH
HIJACKINGS AND ABSENCE OF MANY OFFICIALS ON SUMMER VACATION.
IN ANY EVENT, ISRAELIS ARE UNLIKELY TO HAVE CHANGED THEIR
VIEW THAT THEY HAVE RIGHTS UP TO MEDIAN LINE.

2. IN OUR OPINION, ANY UNANNOUNCED EXPLORATION WORK IN
PROXIMITY OF MEDIAN LINE WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY TRIGGER
AN ISRAELI REACTION. AREA DESCRIBED PARA 2 OF REF B
THUS SEEMS TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT. LOCATION DESCRIBED PARA
3 WOULD RUN LESS RISK OF ISRAELI HARASSMENT, BUT EVEN THERE
WE RECOMMEND THAT GOI BE GIVEN ADVNACE NOTIFICATION OF
PRECISE COORDINATES AND DATES OF DRILLING OPERATION.

3. AS SUGGESTED BY AMBASSADOR TO NEA, WE BELIEVE BEST
COURSE IS TO INFORM ISRAELIS IN ADVANCE OF OPERATION AND
REQUEST THEIR ASSURANCES THAT THEY WILL NOT INTERFERE.
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